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1. MISSION REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING TO GAGE, LIVINGSTON, AND HAMILTON OPENING OF BUSINESS MAY 13.

2. RE ITEM 8 ON AGENDA FOR SUBJECT MEETING, DOCUMENT UNCLASSIFIED

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ENV/EN/76.2 UNFORTUNATELY ARRIVED IN WASHINGTON AFTER DEPARTURE OF U.S. REPS. ASSUME IT HAS BEEN REVIEWED BY THEM, DISCUSSED AS APPROPRIATE WITH SECRETARIAT, AND

WILL LEAD TO AN ACCEPTABLE COMPROMISE ON THOSE ITEMS ON WHICH WE AND OTHERS HAD PROBLEMS. BASED ON OUR READING OF THE DOCUMENT, THERE APPEAR TO BE NO SERIOUS NEW ISSUES RAISED, AND OUR PRINCIPAL EARLIER CONCERNS ARE AT LEAST IN GENERAL TAKEN CARE OF. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, SUGGEST THE U.S. REPS PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION TO THE FOLLOWING POINTS IN RELATION TO SECRETARIAT'S PROPOSED REVISED RECOMMENDATIONS:

--PARA 6 OF PREAMBLE: ARE WE SATISFIED WITH USE OF WORDS "NATIONAL" AND "REQUIRED"?

--RECOMMENDATION 1(III) HAS NOT BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED, DESPITE OUR SUGGESTION.

--RECOMMENDATION 1(IV) APPEARS STILL OFF THE MARK, AT LEAST AS WE HAVE BEEN VIEWING IT.

--THE FRENCH PROPOSAL (PAGE 6 OF ENV/EN/76.2) ALONG WITH THE JAPANESE PROPOSALS (PAGE 14 OF SAME DOCUMENT) SHOULD IDEALLY BE RUN PAST RICHARD BROUN OF HUD, WHO IS ATTENDING MEETING OF URBAN GROUP AND STAYING AT FREMIET HOTEL.

--THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL (PAGE 6) RAISES A NEW, BUT GOOD ISSUE (CONSERVATION), BUT COULDN'T IT BE COUCHED IN MORE POSITIVE TERMS?

--RECOMMENDATION 2(III) HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED, BUT IS NOT AS LUCID AS ONE MIGHT HOPE.

--RECOMMENDATION 3(IV) (NEW): WE HAVE NOT BEEN ABLE TO RUN THIS PAST POSSIBLY INTERESTED AGENCIES, BUT ON ITS FACE IT MAKES SENSE.

--THE SWEDISH PROPOSAL FOR A NEW RECOMMENDATION 5(III) (PAGE 13) SHOULD ENGENDER A LIVELY DEBATE BUT MAKES SENSE IF TEMPERED SOMEWHAT.
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--THE JAPANESE PROPOSAL (A) ON PAGE 14 SHOULD BE AMENDED BY REPLACING THE "AND" BY "OR", OR BY DROPPING THE WHOLE PHRASE AND USING SOMETHING LIKE "BY APPROPRIATE MECHANISMS" INSTEAD. KISSINGER

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